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Title: Vertical Positioner For Seed Planter Having Integral Locking Mechanism

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2005, due June 23, 2005,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.**